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LUNCH WITH PM
FROM ROGERS
1. AMBASSADOR GERARD AND I LUNCHED WITH PM, THOMPSON AND OTHERS.
2. PM IS MUCH VEXED BY NEED FOR HARSH ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM.
HE AND HIS TOP ADVISERS ARE NOW HAMMERING IT OUT. SO HE WILL
DROP THE UN VISIT. THOMPSON WILL READ HIS SPEECH INSTEAD. MISS-
ING HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IS NOT THE LEAST
LAMENTABLE ASPECT OF THE NEED TO STAY IN JAMAICA. HE HOPES
GREATLY THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY
OF COMING TO JAMAICA INSTEAD. I ACCEPTED HIS BRIEF IN THE MATTER.
3. WE TALKED THIRD WORLD AT LENGTH. NO SURPRISES HERE, AND
NOTHING OF THE VOCABULARY WHICH MARKED HIS HAVANA ADVENTURE.
HE PONDERS JUST HOW MUCH A SMALL COUNTRY CAN DO, AND WHETHER ITS
VOICE IS HEARD, PARTICULARLY IF ITS VOICE IS THE VOICE OF REASON.
4. HE THINKS OUR POSTURE THROUGHOUT THE BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS
HAS BEEN BRILLIANT. OF COURSE IT WAS, FROM HIS STANDPOINT, BUT
THIS SHOULD NOT OBSCURE THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOW A REMARKABLY
HEALTHY TONE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRY JUST NOW, AND IT
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COULD HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE IF WE HAD NOT BEEN LEFT WITH RESPECT

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TO BAUXITE.
5. WE DISCUSSED SOME FUZZY NOTIONS THE JAMAICANS HAD ABOUT A PACKAGE OF CREDITS FOR BULK COMMODITY IMPORTS OF FOOD FROM THE US, FERTILIZER, CAUSTIC SODA AND FEED GRAINS. I SAID PL 480 WOULD BE DIFFICULT, THAT EXIM WAS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE ITEMS, THAT THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED FROM THE MULTILATERAL STANDPOINT AFTER THEY SEE KISSINGER'S SPEECH AND THAT THEY SHOULD WRITE UP THE PART ABOUT DEVELOPING LOCAL PROCESSING PLANTS INTO A SEPARATE PROJECT FOR POSSIBLE IFI FINANCING. THEY WILL.
6. WE TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON LOS. THEY EVIDENTLY SUPPORT A MATRIMONIAL SEA REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN.
7. WE REPEATED OUR POSITION ON KOREA, BUT COULD EXTRACT NO BINDING PROMISE FROM THEM.
8. NOTHING WITH THE PM ON BELIZE, CUBA, PANAMA OR CHILE. THOMPSON IS EVIDENTLY THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THESE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES.
9. WE TOLD THE PM THAT THE AID LOAN WAS FINALLY CLEARED, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OR POSITION ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE ICSID PROCEDURES. WE ADDED THAT A PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE LAYING OUT THE PARTICULARS OF OUR VIEW.
10. THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WERE MUCH ON THE PM'S MIND. HE WAS FULL OF HOPE FOR SUCCESS, AND EMPHATIC THAT THE SECRETARY IS WELCOME ANY TIME TO JAMAICA. THE ABORTIVE EFFORTS TO ARRANGE SOMETHING LAST WINTER, HE HOPES, MAY SUGGEST SOMETHING FOR THIS FALLU UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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